| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | MARY ANN SMITH Deputy Commissioner SEAN M. ROONEY Assistant Chief Counsel JUDY L. HARTLEY (State Bar No. 110628) Senior Counsel Department of Business Oversight 320 West 4 th Street, Ste. 750 Los Angeles, California 90013-2344 Telephone: (213) 576-7604 Facsimile: (213) 576-7181 | | |
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| 7 | Attorneys for Complainant | | |
| 8 | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT | | |
| 9 | OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA | | |
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| 11 | In the Matter of the Accusation of THE | OAH NO.: 2014110732 | |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT, |))) ESCROW LICENSE No.: 963-2490 | |
| 13 | Complainant, |) ESCROW LICENSE No., 903-2490 | |
| 14 | | SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT | |
| 15 | V. |)) | |
| 16 | VELOCITY ESCROW, INC., MUTASEM AL |)) | |
| 17 | SAAD, and HALI SAAD, |)) | |
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| 19 | Respondents. |)) | |
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| 21 | This Settlement Agreement is entered into between Respondents Velocity Escrow, Inc., | | |
| 22 | ("Velocity"), Mutsaem Al Saad ("Al Saad"), and Hali Saad also known as Halime Saad | | |
| 23 | ("Saad")(collectively "Respondents") on the one hand, and Complainant the Commissioner of | | |
| 24 | Business Oversight ("Commissioner") on the other hand, and is made with respect to the following | | |
| 25 | facts: | | |
| 26 | RECITALS | | |
| 27 | A. Velocity is a corporation in good standing, duly formed and existing pursuant to the | | |
| 28 | laws of the State of California, and authorized to conduct business in the State of California. | | |
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| 2 | Law of the State of California (Financial Code § 17000 et seq.). Ve | | |
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| 3 | business located at 17744 Skypark Circle, Suite 250, Irvine, Californ | | |
| 4 | C. | Al Saad is, and was at all times relevant herein, the p | |
| 5 | Velocity. | | |
| 6 | D. | Saad is, and was at all times relevant herein, the vice- | |
| 7 | shareholder of Velocity. | | |
| 8 | E. | On October 23, 2014, Respondents were personally s | |
| 9 | a Notice of Intention to Issue Order to Revoke Escrow Agent's Lice | | |
| 10 | Pursuant to Section 17423 (Bar from Employment, Management or | | |
| 11 | Accusation and accompanying documents dated October 21, 2014. | | |
| 12 | of Defense with the Commissioner and a two-day hearing is schedu | | |
| 13 | Angeles Office of Administrative hearings on May 27, 2015. | | |
| 14 | E. | It is the intention and desire of the parties to resolve t | |
| 15 | of a hearing and/or other litigation. | | |
| 16 | NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and | | |
| 17 | forth herein, the parties agree as follows: | | |

- B. Velocity is an escrow agent licensed by the Commissioner pursuant to the Escrow locity has its principal place of nia 92614.
- resident and 50% shareholder of
- -president, manager, and 50%
- served by the Commissioner with ense and To Issue Orders Control of an Escrow Agent), Respondents have filed Notices ed to commence before the Los
- this matter without the necessity

the terms and conditions set

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. This Settlement Agreement is entered into for the purpose of judicial economy and expediency, and to avoid the expense of a hearing, and possible further court proceedings.
- 2. Velocity, without admitting or denying any of the allegations contained in the Accusation described in paragraph D above ("Accusation"), hereby agrees to the issuance by the Commissioner of an order revoking Velocity's escrow agent's license. The revocation shall be effective upon execution of this Settlement Agreement. A copy of the revocation order is attached and incorporated as Exhibit A.
- 3. Velocity acknowledges its right to an administrative hearing under Financial Code section 17608 in connection with the revocation and hereby waives that right to a hearing, and to any reconsideration, appeal, or other rights which may be afforded pursuant to the Escrow Law, the

California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law in connection with this matter herein.

- 4. Al Saad, without admitting or denying any of the allegations contained in the Accusation, hereby agrees to the issuance by the Commissioner of an order barring Al Saad from any position of employment, management or control of an escrow agent. The bar order shall become effective upon execution of this Settlement Agreement. A copy of the bar order is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.
- 5. Al Saad acknowledges his right to an administrative hearing under Financial Code section 17423 in connection with the bar and hereby waives that right to a hearing, and to any reconsideration, appeal, or other rights which may be afforded pursuant to the Escrow Law, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law in connection with this matter herein.
- 6. Al Saad further agrees that, notwithstanding paragraph 4 above, the allegations set forth in the Accusation shall be deemed admitted in the event Al Saad seeks reinstatement or reduction of penalty pursuant to Government Code section 11522.
- 7. Saad, without admitting or denying any of the allegations contained in the Accusation, hereby agrees to the issuance by the Commissioner of an order barring Saad from any position of employment, management or control of an escrow agent. The bar order shall become effective upon execution of this Settlement Agreement. A copy of the bar order is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit C.
- 8. Saad acknowledges her right to an administrative hearing under Financial Code section 17423 in connection with the bar and hereby waives that right to a hearing, and to any reconsideration, appeal, or other rights which may be afforded pursuant to the Escrow Law, the California Administrative Procedure Act, the California Code of Civil Procedure, or any other provision of law in connection with this matter herein.
- 9. Saad further agrees that, notwithstanding paragraph 7 above, the allegations set forth in the Accusation shall be deemed admitted in the event Saad seeks reinstatement or reduction of penalty pursuant to Government Code section 11522.

- 10. This Settlement Agreement does not create any private rights or remedies against the Respondents, create any liability for the Respondents or limit defenses of Respondents for any person or entity not a party to this Settlement Agreement.
- 11. The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Settlement Agreement is intended to constitute a full, final and complete resolution of this matter. The parties further acknowledge and agree that nothing contained in this Settlement Agreement shall operate to limit the Commissioner's ability to assist any other agency, (county, state or federal) with any prosecution, administrative, civil or criminal, brought by any such agency against Velocity, Al Saad, and/or Saad or any other person based upon any of the activities alleged in this matter or otherwise.
- 12. Each of the parties represents, warrants, and agrees that it has received independent advice from its attorney(s) and/or representatives with respect to the advisability of executing this Settlement Agreement.
- Agreement it has relied solely on the statements set forth herein and the advice of its own counsel and/or representative. Each of the parties further represents, warrants, and agrees that in executing this Settlement Agreement it has placed no reliance on any statement, representation, or promise of any other party, or any other person or entity not expressly set forth herein, or upon the failure of any party or any other person or entity to make any statement, representation or disclosure of anything whatsoever. The parties have included this clause: (1) to preclude any claim that any party was in any way fraudulently induced to execute this Settlement Agreement; and (2) to preclude the introduction of parol evidence to vary, interpret, supplement, or contradict the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 14. This Settlement Agreement is the final written expression and the complete and exclusive statement of all the agreements, conditions, promises, representations, and covenants between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, representations, understandings, and discussions between and among the parties, their respective representatives, and any other person or entity, with respect to the subject matter covered hereby.

| 15. | In that the parties have had the opportunity to draft, review and edit the language of | | | | |
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| this Settlement Agreement, no presumption for or against any party arising out of drafting all or any | | | | | |
| part of this Se | ttlement Agreement will be applied in any action relating to, connected, to, or | | | | |
| involving this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, the parties waive the benefit of California Civil | | | | | |
| Code section 1654 and any successor or amended statute, providing that in cases of uncertainty, | | | | | |
| language of a contract should be interpreted most strongly against the party who caused the | | | | | |
| uncertainty to exist. | | | | | |
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- 16. This Settlement Agreement shall not become effective until signed by all parties and delivered by all parties.
- 17. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which, together, shall be deemed to constitute a single document. This Settlement Agreement may be executed by facsimile signature, and any such facsimile signature by any party hereto shall be deemed to be an original signature and shall be binding on such party to the same extent as if such facsimile signature were an original signature.
- 18. Each signatory hereto covenants that he/she possesses all necessary capacity and authority to sign and enter into this Settlement Agreement.

| Dated: | 5/12/15 | JAN LYNN OWEN |
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| | | Commissioner of Business Oversight |
| | | By MARY ANN SMITH Deputy Commissioner |
| Dated: | 5/6/15 | VELOCITY ESCROW, INC. |
| | | By MUTASEM AL SAAD, President |
| Dated: | 5/6/15 | By MUTSAEM AL SAAD, an individual |
| Dated: | 5/6/15 | By HALI SAAD, an individual |
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